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  - On the landowners map and list instead of stating tract 5-5, this could be considered landowner 1 since all 38 entities listed co-own this land. Tract 5-6 could be considered landowner 2 since all 9 entities listed co-own this land, tract 5-14 could be considered landowner 3 since all 67 entities co-own this tract of land.

- 2. Item 1 on page 11 of the administrative report 1.1: You indicated you could not provide the mailing addresses for several of the landowners. Because you have indicated you have made every attempt to collect the complete mailing address, please provide an original signed and notarized landowners affidavit.
- Below is a portion of the notice of receipt which contains information relevant to your application. Please review the information carefully and indicate if there are any errors. The complete notice will be sent to you once the application is declared administratively complete.

APPLICATION. Southwestern Electric Power Company, 2400 Farm-to-Market Road 3251. Hallsville, Texas 75650, which operates a steam electric power generating facility, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to amend Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. 02496 (EPA I.D. No. TX0087726) to authorize the elimination of the monitoring requirementfor total dissolved solids via Outfall 002; the elimination of the monitoring requirement of oil and grease via Outfalls 003, 004 and 005; and the reduction of the monitoring frequencies for total suspended solids via Outfalls 003, 004, and 005. The facility is located adjacent to Red Oak Road at a point approximately six miles southeast of the City of Hallsville in Harrison County, Texas. The discharge route via Outfalls 002 and 003 is from the plant site to Brandy Branch Reservoir; thence to Brandy Branch; thence to the Sabine River above Toledo Bend Reservoir. The discharge route via Outfalls 004, 005, and 006 is from the plant site to unnamed tributaries of Hatley Creek; thence to Hatley Creek; thence to Sabine River above Toledo Bend Reservoir. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on September 23, 2002. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at the Marshall Public Library, 300 South Alamo Street, Marshall, Texas.

Please send your response, to my attention, at the address given below by January 6, 2003. If the requested information is not received by the given deadline, pursuant to 30 TAC Chapter 281, the application will be removed from our list of pending applications. If you should have any other questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (512) 239-4418.

Sincerely,

Laurie J. Lancaster

Water Quality Applications Team (MC 161)

Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission

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P.O. Box 13087

Austin, Texas 78711-3087

### TEXAS NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Submitted herewith, as an attachmen	nt to the application of
	for a Texas Water Code
permit is a list of landowners who	might reasonably consider themselves to be
affected by the proposed activities	s described in the application. The list of
landowners is cross-referenced to the	he application map and includes the following
persons:	
	adjacent to the plant site and to the mile downstream from the point of
	adjacent to the plant site and for one- side of the point of discharge to a lake
	immediately adjacent to the plant site ch the defined waste will be applied, retained.
( ) Persons owning property boundaries where sludge	within a 1/2 mile radius of the property disposal is proposed.
I do hereby certify that the names a	and mailing addresses provided are current and
correct to the best of my knowledge	e on as
obtained from the records of (Speci	fy: City, County, School, Water District, etc.)
(Typed or Printed Name)	(Signature)
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(SEAL)	Notary Public in and for
	County, Texas

December 11, 2002

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Attn: Ms. Laurie J. Lancaster, Waster Quality Applications Team Permits Administrative Review Section (MC 161) Registration, Review, and Reporting Division

RE: Pirkey Power Plant (Pirkey)

Application for Amendment and Renewal of TPDES Permit No. 02496

Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO)

Dear Ms. Lancaster:

On behalf of SWEPCO and Pirkey, American Electric Power (AEP) hereby submits a response to comments received from TCEQ with regard to the aforementioned amendment and renewal application. Please be advised that we did not receive your original request to address the items mentioned in your letter of request dated September 27, 2002. We only received the correspondence dated November 18, 2002 and mailed to us by certified mail, return receipt requested. We ask for your consideration with respect to these facts.

I have addressed the items listed in your letter of request in the order that they appear. The following items are the responses I have prepared, and are to be incorporated into the amendment and renewal application originally submitted to TCEQ on September 18, 2002.

For item No.1, I have added clarifying language on page 2 of the administrative report to specify the amendments requested for each particular outfall. I also referenced "Attachment F" of the application. Attachment F includes full descriptions of the amendment requests and also contains the corresponding supporting data from sample analyses performed at the outfalls. I have enclosed a revised page 2 of the administrative report to be incorporated into the application. Please replace the existing page in the application with the enclosed, revised page.

For item No.2, the landowner map has been revised slightly to help depict the applicant boundary (green border) and associated tracts of land (red borders) more clearly. As per your request, Southwestern Electric Power Company owns all of the land within the boundary labeled as "Approximate Applicant Property Boundary". There are no lease agreements for these tracts of land. The mailing list for the adjacent landowners has not changed. The revised landowner map

is enclosed, and should be incorporated into the application to replace the original landowner map.

For item No.3, the topographic map has been revised to include a more legible property boundary for the applicant. As for the discharge routes, there is no discharge route to be traced for Outfall 002 since it discharges directly into Brandy Branch Reservoir. The discharge route for Outfall 005 angles off to the northwest immediately after discharge from the outfall and commingles with the discharge route for Outfall 006 (this is difficult to detect on the map due to the scale of the map and all of the information required to be placed on the map). These discharge routes (which includes the commingled discharge route) have been traced onto the topographic map for a distance of at least three miles for your convenience. The revised topographic maps (two per application) are enclosed, and should be incorporated into the application as part of the Supplemental Permit Information Form (SPIF-after page 10 of the administrative report) and "Attachment A" to replace the original topographic maps.

For item No.4, I have attached a new letter signed by Julio Reyes, Vice President of Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) to provide clarification of the fact that the corporate positions of Directors are authorized to sign wastewater applications. Please replace the original signatory letter (after page 8 of the administrative report) with the enclosed, new letter.

For item No.5, the landowners map has been revised (to be incorporated into the application to replace the landowner map in "Attachment B") slightly to more clearly depict the property boundaries of the applicant and the tracts of land. As specified in item No. 2 above, Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) owns all of the land within the boundary labeled as "Approximate Applicant Property Boundary". In addition, SWEPCO, at a minimum, owns all land in and immediately surrounding (including the shoreline) Brandy Branch Reservoir (blue border). All of the "adjacent landowners" were accurately identified in the original application, and were provided to you in the form of the preliminary line list and associated mailing list. Those items are accurate as originally submitted, and need no revision. There are several tracts of land that have multiple landowners. All of those tracts are co-owned. There are no tracts of land that need further subdivision or identification. The tract numbers were used for the landowner information because they were the only source available to construct the map and the associated mailing list. We contend the tract numbers are the only viable way that an adjacent landowner can identify their land during the application review process since their land is identified by tract on the original plats, titles, and/or other forms of legal identification (there are no section numbers in this area). As for the discharge routes, there is no discharge route to be traced for Outfall 002 since it discharges directly into Brandy Branch Reservoir. The discharge route for Outfall 005 angles off to the northwest immediately after discharge from the outfall and commingles with the discharge route for Outfall 006 (this is difficult to detect on the map due to the scale of the map and all of the information required to be placed on the map). Those discharge routes (which includes the commingled discharge route) have been traced for a distance of at least one mile onto the landowner map, as required for your convenience. In addition, item No. 1 on page 11 of the administrative specifically states that "if the point of discharge is into a lake, bay estuary or affected by tidal, delineate the approximate property boundaries of the landowners along the water course ½ mile in all directions of the outfall(s)". This is exactly what was submitted in the original application. In addition, the pertinent rule for guidance is 30 TAC section 305.48 "Additional Contents of Applications for Wastewater Discharge Permits" subsection (a)(2) that states "If the application is for the disposal of any waste into or adjacent to a watercourse, the application shall show the ownership of the tracts of land adjacent to the treatment facility and for a reasonable distance along the watercourse from the proposed point of discharge." The phrase "in all directions", or the term "radius" as used in your letter, are not specified in the regulations. Webster's dictionary defines a "watercourse" as "a natural or made

channel through which water flows". The watercourse at Pirkey Power Plant therefore includes Brandy Branch Reservoir, but does not include the shore lands and/or other lands that are not contiguous with the reservoir. SWEPCO owns all the land occupied by Brandy Branch Reservoir, including the immediately adjacent shoreline (see boundary on Landowner map). SWEPCO is, therefore, by definition, the only adjacent landowner in all directions along the watercourse, irregardless of the distance from Outfall 002.

Also for item No. 5, the additional postage required for the additional landowners on the mailing list has been submitted to the TCEQ Revenues Section (a total of \$50 for the additional full increment of 100 names on the list). A copy of the cover letter and the check are enclosed for your convenience. Please be advised that there were several persons on the mailing list for whom no address is listed. These persons whereabouts are unknown, as described in some cases including personal interviews with members of their families. The "enclosed" landowners affidavit you mention in your letter dated September 27, 2002 was not enclosed in the mailing that was sent me on November 18, 2002. If there is some requirement to complete such an affidavit, I will need copies of the form sent to me for completion. I contend, however, that such affidavits are unnecessary. The landowner information gathered is from the most comprehensive sources available, as specified in the ensuing paragraph. A good faith effort has been made to identify and obtain a mailing address for all the adjacent landowners, a few whose whereabouts are simply unknown. This information has been confirmed in some cases via personnel interviews with the landowners and/or their direct relatives (heirs). Any adjacent landowners who cannot be located will still be "notified" and have the opportunity to review and comment on the application via the public notice that will be placed in the local newspaper once the application is determined to be administratively complete. This process is more than adequate to notify any adjacent landowners, as required by the regulations.

For item No.6, the land agent for Sabine Mining obtained the names and address through a combination of records form the Harrison County Clerk's Office, the Harrison County Central Appraisal District, and through personal interviews and telephone conversations with landowners and/or heirs of landowners. I believe the landowner records submitted are thorough, complete, and as accurate as possible for the landowners identified in the area adjacent to the facility, as required.

For item No.7, I have provided ground level photographs for Outfalls 002, 004, 005, and 006, as requested, and identified what direction the camera was facing. Also included is a plat identifying approximately where the photographs were taken, and arrows on the plat designating the direction the camera was facing when the photographs were taken. Please replace the photographs provided in the original application (after page 11 of the administrative report) with the enclosed photographs and plat.

For item No.8, everything in the paragraph is accurate with the exception of the portion of the first sentence that begins on line 4 of the paragraph. That portion of the sentence needs to be rewritten to coincide with the changes I identified for item No.1 of this letter. I suggest the new language on line 4 read as follows: "...(EPA I.D. No. TX0087726) to authorize the elimination of the monitoring requirement for Total Dissolved Solids at Outfall 002; to eliminate Oil & Grease monitoring and reduce the monitoring frequencies for Total Suspended Solids at Outfalls 003, 004, and 005; to reduce monitoring frequencies for Total Suspended Solids and Oil & Grease at Outfall 102; and to reduce the monitoring frequency for Total Suspended Solids at Outfall 302."

That concludes my responses to the items identified by you in your letter dated September 27, 2002 (cover letter dated November 18, 2002).

Please feel free to contact me at (214) 777-1507 if you have any questions about the application or the responses I have prepared in this letter. Thank you for your attention to these items

Sincerely,

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Franklin L. Mills Environmental Specialist I Water & Ecological Resources Services

#### **Enclosures**

C: Arne Melson (w/)
Oliver Jefferson (w/o)
Russ Draves (w/o)
Kelly Spencer (w/)
Joel Tomme (w/o)
Mark Griffith (w/o)
Ron Lighthall (w/o)

File: PRK.180.45.20.2002 (w/)

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THE FOLLOWING IS REQUIRED FOR ALL APPLICATIONS, RENEWAL, NEW AND AMENDMENT.

The instructions MUST BE FOLLOWED while completing the application. Failure to do so will result in significant delays in the processing of the application.

Type of application:	(check all that apply)	
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Telephone number	City: Hallsville	
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Check one:	The TNRCC has issued this Customer Reference Nu	mber to the owner. CN:
	The owner has not yet received a Customer Reference	e Number. A completed Core Data Form (TNRCC-
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to this application.



December 4, 2002

#### Certified Mail - Return Receipt Requested

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, TX 78711-3087

Attn: Ms. Margaret Hoffman, Executive Director

RE: Signatory Authority for AEP System Environmental Permits, Licenses, and Reports for Wastewafer (TPDES) and Storm Water programs in Texas:

Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO)

West Texas Utilities Company (WTU) Central Power & Light Company (CPL)

Dear Ms. Hoffman:

As a Vice President of SWEPCO, WTU, and CPL, I am a responsible corporate officer per 30 TAC Section 305.44 as I perform a policy function for AEP Corporation.

The persons holding the positions identified in this submittal have the necessary responsibility and authority to ensure that accurate applications and reports are prepared for the TCEQ Wastewater and Storm Water programs. The following corporate positions are authorized to sign Wastewater permit applications, Storm Water Notices of Intent (NOI's), and Storm Water Notices of Termination (NOT's) for the AEP system companies listed above:

Fossil and Hydro Regional Directors

The following corporate positions are authorized to sign reports related to Wastewater permits and Storm Water permits held by the AEP companies listed above:

Fossil Operations Director
Plant Managers of facilities of the companies listed above
Plant Operation Supervisors of facilities of the companies listed above
Water and Ecological Resource Services Managers

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I would appreciate it if you would distribute this letter to the appropriate individuals within your organization. Please contact Russ Draves of AEP at (214) 777-1381 if you have any questions with respect to the contents of this letter.

Sincerely,

Julio Reyes

President, State Government Affairs

Ce: Chuck Adami

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TCEQ Water Quality Management Information Systems, Enforcement

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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Revenues Section (MC 214) P. O. Box 13088 Austin, Texas 78711-3088

RE: Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO)
Pirkey Power Plant (Pirkey)
TPDES Permit No. 02496

On behalf of SWEPCO and Pirkey, American Electric Power (AEP) hereby submits a check in the amount of \$50.00 made payable to TNRCC for additional landowner mailing fees for the amendment and renewal of the subject permit.

The original permit application fee submitted on September 19, 2002 covered the first 100 landowners on the mailing list for the facility. The enclosed \$50.00 is the required amount for an increment of an additional 100 landowners. Please apply this fee towards the costs associated with the amendment and renewal wastewater application for the facility. Any revised sections of the application will be mailed to the TCEQ Applications Team separately.

Please call me at (214) 777-1507 if you have any questions about this letter or the enclosed check.

Sincerely,

Franklin L. Mills

Environmental Specialist I

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Water & Ecological Resource Services

Enclosure

C: Arne Melson (W/)
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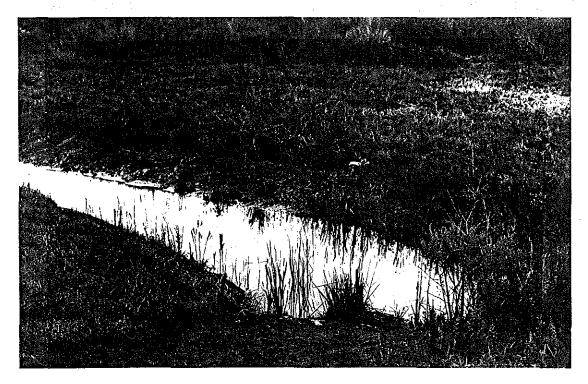
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